

Service Area Plan

Department of Social Services

Public Assistance Child Support Payments (46302)

Service Area Background Information

Service Area Description

Provides the funds for extra payments to child support recipients also receiving TANF support. "Disregard Payments" are not child support as such. They were originally authorized in the federal program as an extra incentive to custodial parents for cooperation in locating non custodial parents and their assets. The federal government no longer authorizes such payments or provides financial help for them but Virginia and some other states have chosen to continue this.

Service Area Alignment to Missio

Promote strong, self-reliant families by delivering child support services, as provided by law through the location of noncustodial parents, establishment of paternity and orders, enforcement of orders, collection of child and medical support, and distribution of child support.

Service Area Statutory Authority

Title IV-D, Federal Social Security Act; Code of Virginia, Title 63.2 Welfare (Social Services) Child Support Title 63.2-1900 through 63.2-1960

Service Area Customer Base

Customer(s)	Served	Potential
Children and families (potential unlimited)	363,000	0
Custodial Parents (potential unlimited)	279,100	0
Local Departments of Social Services	120	120
Non-custodial parents (potential unlimited)	317,300	0
State and local government	53	53

Anticipated Changes In Service Area Customer Bas

Based on Census data on projections for number of children in Virginia for 2010 and 2030, it is projected that the child support caseload will grow during this period. In 2010, it is projected that DCSE will have 376,970 cases and 1,035,567 participants. There is expected to be higher growth between 2010 and 2030 with an estimated caseload of 465,218 cases and 1,273,903 participants in 2030.

Service Area Partners

Federal government

Local Departments of Social Services

Other nations' child support enforcement programs where reciprocity exists

Other states' child support enforcement programs

State agencies

Service Area Products and Services

- Financial support for children

Factors Impacting Service Area Products and Services

Economy and TANF rolls, or any national program changes

Anticipated Changes To Service Area Products and Service

None

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Service Area Financial Summary

Funding for the Public Assistance Child Support Payments program comes from special funds (100%) which are generated from child support collections on TANF cases. A portion of these collections are “disregarded” and passed on to custodial parents.

	<u>Fiscal Year 2007</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2008</u>	
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund
Base Budget	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000
Changes To Base	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SERVICE AREA TOTAL	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000

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Service Area Objectives, Measures, and Strategies

Objective 46302.01

Promote self sufficiency by increasing Child Support collections

Increase the amount of funds provided to custodial parents in order for them to attain financial independence

This Objective Supports the Following Agency Goals:

- Enhance the independence, well-being and personal responsibility of customers
(This goal supports the Council on Virginia's Future long-term objective "Inspire and support Virginians toward healthy lives and strong resilient families.")

This Objective Has The Following Measure(s):

- **Measure 46302.01.01**

Child support collections

Measure Type: Outcome

Measure Frequency: Annually

Measure Baseline: SFY 2006 collections (projected): \$583.4M

Measure Target: Increase child support collections 4% over previous state fiscal year.

Measure Source and Calculation:

Regular collection reports generated through APECS and related systems

Objective 46302.01 Has the Following Strategies:

- Same as Area Plan 46301. There is no federal requirement for "Disregard" payments, nor any corresponding "federal financial participation" (FFP) credit for states' paying them. There is accordingly no separate strategy relating to "Disregard" payments, nor are there any relevant operational considerations. Rather, the 'disregard" payments flow automatically to TANF custodial parents when the payment conditions so warrant. Area Plan 46302 is mainly useful as a budgetary footnote to Plan 46301, but separation is required for accounting and budget tracking purposes.